

# Independent Adoption Society

Thousands of babies  
are in need of parents.

Thousands of parents  
are trying to adopt babies.

All we need is the money  
to put them together.



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There are many married couples eager to adopt a child, but are unable to do so.

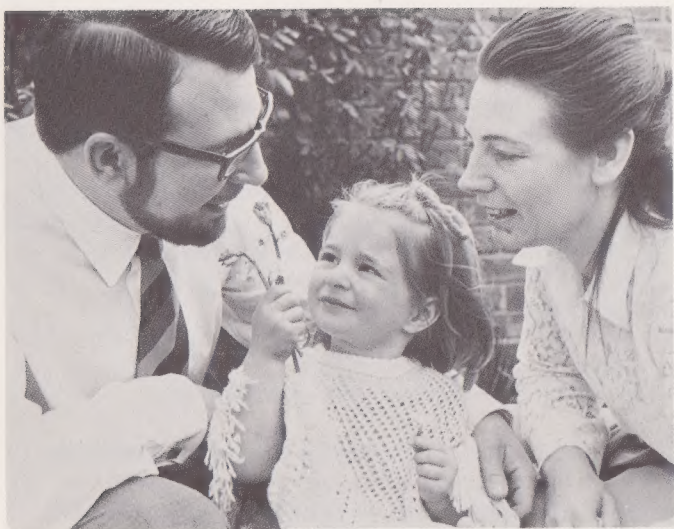
Of course some couples cannot meet the legal requirements of adoption. Countless others, who have the statutory qualifications, fail to meet the requirements of particular adoption societies and so are faced with the discouraging prospect of searching out a society which will not discriminate because:

- one of the partners has been divorced,
- they are of mixed religion,
- they are not of the same denomination as the society to which they apply,
- or follow no religious persuasion at all.

And sometimes it is the babies themselves who are rejected by other agencies, either for physical reasons, or mixed race, or because it is found too time-consuming to cope with complicated cases.

Which brings us to the reason for the existence of the Independent Adoption Society. It is our policy to overcome most of these difficulties. No applicants are rejected provided that they fulfil the statutory requirements and are likely to make suitable parents, anxious to provide a good home for a child. The Independent Adoption Society helps would-be adopters from minority as well as majority groups. Helps people of all religions—or of none. People who would otherwise be denied a child. Nor is any child, within our power to place, turned away by the Independent Adoption Society. Babies which other agencies have classified as "difficult" we accept, gladly.

And we place upwards of 60 a year of whom roughly half are "difficult."



Mr. and Mrs. Chapman with Lisa Anne, who was adopted through the Society in 1969.

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With more funds we could place so many more.

The average overall cost of each placement is £200—borne by the Society and in no part by the parents, natural or adoptive. This is a once-and-for-all expense—unlike that of maintaining a child in local authority care which costs about £950 per annum and if extended to the child's 16th birthday could reach a total of £15,000.

The urgent need is for five case-workers and for the money to provide them with a regular income. This will enable us to place up to 100 babies each year (in London and the Home Counties).



Lisa Anne Chapman with her father.

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In financial terms, this will require a minimum guaranteed income for the Society of £20,000 per annum, and for at least the next seven years—a total of £140,000.

Independent Adoption Society would like eventually to extend its work to other parts of the country too. And this, hopefully, will be our next project.



Nicola, now aged ten months, was adopted in October 1970 by an English family. Nicola has three elder brothers aged nine, seven and four, who adore her.



Peter was the first baby to be placed by the Society in 1966, when this picture was taken. His parents applied to the Society before it was officially in being.



Laura, now three and a half, was adopted through the Society in 1968, three years after her parents applied. Jonathan and Miles were earlier adoptions.



Mark, aged four, was adopted in 1967 and Carol, aged two, in 1969, both through the Society. Delia, aged eleven, was adopted through the local council in 1971, after being fostered for two years.

# Ways and Means

£200 will help us give a child the care of real parents, the influence of a family, the security of a home.

We appreciate that a gift of £200 is not within the means of everyone but it is possible for this sum to be achieved by contributing £1 per month—£12 per year by Deed of Covenant for 10 years. It is worth remembering that any sum given annually by Deed of Covenant is worth more to the Society than the amount donated, as the Society can recover direct from the Inland Revenue the Income Tax paid on the amount donated.

If you are able to sign a banker's order form for a donation no matter how small and let it run on for as long as you can, it will provide our funds with a steady income, without further trouble to you and reduces the cost of our own administration.

A note on the following lines, incorporated in your Will, would help ensure the work of the Society:  
"I bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the Independent Adoption Society, 160 Peckham Rye, SE22, the sum of .....pounds sterling, free of all death duties, to be applicable for the general purposes of the said Society and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society shall be sufficient discharge for the same."

(Add signature and date.)

Deed of Covenant, Bankers Order forms and cash donations should be sent to:

Independent Adoption Society,  
Free Post, London SE22 8BR.

No postage stamp is required if this form of address is used.

# Schedule of Gifts

A Target of £140,000 will be attained if gifts on the following scale are received. The table is based on 7 and 10 Year Deeds of Covenant, Tax being calculated at the present rate of 38.75% (the figures have been rounded off).

No. of Gifts	Gross Value of Gifts £	Gross Sub-Total £	*Approx. Nett Annual Payment if Gift is in form of Covenant over	
			10 Year £	7 Year £
1	14,000	14,000	657	1,225
1	7,000	7,000	429	612
3	5,000	15,000	306	437
6	2,000	12,000	123	175
10	1,150	11,500	70	100
20	575	11,500	35	30
20	350	7,000	20	30
200	200	40,000	12	17½
100	120	12,000	7	10
50	60	3,000	3½	5
Miscellaneous Gifts		7,000	—	—
Total £140,000				

\* Under the Government's "Unified Tax" proposals, being implemented in 1973/74, whereby the Tax recoverable on Deeds of Covenant, will be reduced to 30%—there will be a reduction in the Gross Value of Covenanted Gifts to the Society.

In making this appeal the Society must make it quite clear that a contribution from a would-be adopter will in no way gain for him or her a preferential position with regard to adoption. It must be clearly understood by both parties (the contributor and the Society) that contributions by persons who are, or may be in the future, on the Society's list for possible adoption are given "to support and promote generally the work of the Independent Adoption Society," and are not paid as consideration for any future adoption arrangements.

# Officials and Principles

President:	Sir A. J. Ayer, FBA, MA.
Vice-President:	Sir Richard Doll, OBE, FRS, MD, FRCP. D.Sc.
Sponsors:	Professor G. M. Carstairs, MD, FRCPE. Dr. Ronald Fletcher, BA, Ph.D. Sir Julian Huxley, FRS, MA, D.Sc. Mrs. Margaret Knight. Lord Platt of Grindleford, M.Sc, MD, FRCP. Baroness Wootton of Abinger, MA.
Hon. Secretary:	Derek Mackay, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer:	Henry Silver, Esq.
Adoptions Administrator and Senior Caseworker:	Mrs. Kirstine Richards.
Organising Secretary:	Mrs. Jane Dunbar.
Chairman of Appeals Committee:	G. C. Brunton, Esq.

Founded as a registered charity in 1965, the Independent Adoption Society is committed to two main principles:

1. No couple, otherwise suitable as parents, is turned down for religious, sectarian or racial reasons.
  2. No baby is refused on physical or racial grounds, if there are couples capable and willing to look after them. "Difficult cases" are welcomed and are generally successfully placed.
- The Society is certainly forward looking and unique in some respects. Over and above the recommended standards, it observes the following refinements:
1. It employs only full time professional case-workers, fully trained and experienced.
  2. Its Case Committee includes doctors, psychologists, sociologists, child-care officers and marriage guidance counsellors, backed by consultant specialists, all of whom give their services free.
  3. Its concern with the well-being of the natural mothers (and, in many cases, the fathers) covers a long period before and after the birth, whether or not the child is eventually offered for adoption.
  4. Its panel of foster mothers enables new-born babies to be fostered for a period before they are placed.
  5. Its work includes pioneer projects such as group discussions among adoptive parents and informal gatherings of the children.



